

COUNCIL CHAMBERS--CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL--CITY OF LODI
Monday, April 8, 1936.

The City Council of the City of Lodi met in regular meeting at 8:00 o'clock P. M. on Monday, April 8, 1936. Councilmen Clark, Graffigna, Spooner, Weihe and Steele present. None absent.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 16, 1936 were read and approved with the following addition: on motion of Councilman Graffigna seconded by Councilman Weihe, the minutes of this meeting were amended to read as follows: (Volume 5, Page 308) "Claims Nos. 25796 to 25896 inclusive, in the amount of \$12,334.04 as approved by the Finance Committee were allowed, said claims including that of Lodi Motor Company for payment for two automobiles purchased under Resolution of Award No. 833, adopted February 4, 1936."

Mr. A. J. Craig presented a petition for the narrowing of Pleasant Avenue from eighty feet to sixty feet between Locksford Street and Louie Avenue. At the order of the Mayor this matter was referred to the City Attorney and the City Engineer and the City Attorney was authorized to obtain an abstract company's report on the status of the lands bordering on these streets and on the streets themselves.

There being many persons in attendance in advocacy for and in protest against a suggested closing ordinance for mercantile establishments originating in the Lodi Business Men's Association, Mr. Glenn West, City Attorney, presented a suggested ordinance with a statement that he believed it to come within the lines laid down in a similar ordinance adopted in the town of Fowler. Mr. Martinolich of Safeway Stores Incorporated, asked that the ordinance be adopted as presented by Mr. West with the exception that the holidays named in Section 2 be those commonly recognized in the City to-wit: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years, and at the order of the Mayor the proposed ordinance was so amended. Several speakers then addressed the Council both for and against the proposed ordinance as submitted. It was suggested that the proposed ordinance be voted upon at the coming City Election and on motion of Councilman Weihe, seconded by Councilman Graffigna, this ordinance No. 220 was introduced and by the same motion laid over for the statutory period of not less than five days by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen, Weihe, Graffigna, Clark, Spooner and Steele
NOES: Councilmen, None
ABSENT: Councilmen, None

Mayor Steele then addressed the Council in regard to the submission of this ordinance to the people for an advisory vote. This matter was then discussed at some length and finally the Clerk was instructed to have the proposed Ordinance or the summary thereof published and an unofficial ballot printed.

On motion of Councilman Spooner, seconded by Councilman Graffigna, Ordinance No. 221 entitled "AN ORDINANCE LICENSING FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVENUE AND REGULATION EVERY KIND OF LAWFUL BUSINESS HEREIN SPECIFIED, TRANSACTED OR CARRIED ON WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LODI, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FIXING THE RATE OF LICENSE TAXES UPON THE SAME, PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF SAID LICENSE TAXES AND PUNISHMENT FOR THE CARRYING ON OF SUCH BUSINESS OR BUSINESSES WITHOUT A LICENSE AND REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES." was introduced and by the same motion laid over for the statutory period of not less than five days.

The City Clerk reported that the provisions of Ordinance No. 211 whereby delinquent tax payers were allowed to redeem their property without payment of delinquent penalties other than interest, would cease on the 20th of April and that a new ordinance providing for the redemption of tax sales should be introduced and adopted at this meeting. On motion of Councilman Weihe, seconded by Councilman Graffigna, Ordinance No. 219 entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REDEMPTION OF REAL ESTATE SOLD TO CITY OF LODI FOR DELINQUENT TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS" was introduced and finally passed, adopted and ordered to print as an emergency ordinance by the following vote: AYES: Councilmen, Weihe, Graffigna, Clark, Spooner, and Steele. NOES: Councilmen, None. ABSENT: Councilmen, None.

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On motion of Councilman Spooner, seconded by Councilman Weine Ordinance No. 222 an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO PARK VEHICLES IN ALLEYS IN THE CITY OF LODI, was introduced and laid over for the statutory period of not less than five days.

The City Attorney, Glenn West, as instructed at the meeting of March 18, 1936, presented an ordinance regulating the operation of public dances in the City of Lodi. After some little discussion, none dissenting, the Mayor ordered the proposed ordinance laid on the table for consideration.

The Clerk read a letter from the Japanese-American Citizens' League of Lodi advising the Council of the formation of the League and of its purpose. At the order of the Mayor, the Clerk was instructed to write a letter to the League congratulating them in the name of the City Council for the high ideals and objects of their organization and offering them the cooperation of the City Council in any matters that might be mutually advantageous.

It appearing that the local Chapter of the American Red Cross had organized a Disaster Relief Committee the following resolution was introduced on motion of Councilman Clark, seconded by Councilman Weine.

RESOLUTION NO. 841

WHEREAS no community is ever free from the threat of general disaster, whether from flood, fire, earthquake or pestilence, and,

WHEREAS, these things cannot be anticipated and after they are upon us, there is no time for the perfection of an organization to carry on relief work or prevent the further spread of destruction, misery and death, and,

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is always organized for work in times of emergency, and has nationwide contacts for the securing of aid, and has trained executives capable of taking charge of relief and prevention work, and is the only body formed and existing for this purpose;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lodi, California, that this City hereby endorses the American Red Cross as the only recognized body fit and prepared to carry on relief work in times of disaster;

RESOLVED, ALSO, that this City Council hereby tenders any aid that it may be able to offer to the said American Red Cross, in its efforts to perfect a local organization which will be prepared and will make preparations to meet any emergency in times of disaster or pestilence.

The foregoing Resolution No. 841 was then passed and adopted by the following assenting votes: Clark, Weine, Graffigna, Spooner and Steele.

The monthly report of the Chief of Police for the month of March and that of the City Poundmaster for the same period, and the quarterly report of the Lodi Volunteer Fire Department were received, read and ordered filed.

Twelve building permits Nos. 1442 to 1454 inclusive for structures to cost \$30,000.00 were allowed and ordered granted.

Claims Nos. 25997 to 26073 inclusive in the amount of \$16,411.45 as approved by the Finance Committee were allowed and ordered paid on motion of Councilman Spooner, seconded by Councilman Weine.

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Mr. Clifford B. Bull, representative for the Signal Oil Company, asked the Council as to what action had been taken as to the signing of annual contracts for the purchase of gasoline. At the direction of the Mayor this matter was again referred to the City Clerk with the direction that he consult with the Superintendent of Public Utilities and execute the necessary contracts at once.

On motion of Councilman Weihe, seconded by Councilman Clark, it was decided that the City would allow \$300.00 in the annual budget in the support of the Band of the Lodi Union High School. Motion carried.

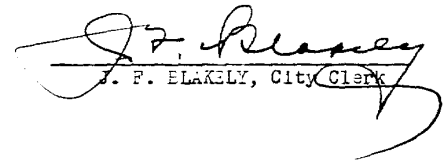
Mr. John A. Henning addressed the Council in regard to the necessity of a sewer line in Lockeford Street to serve some new buildings being erected on the intersection of Lockeford Street and Pleasant Avenue.

Councilman Clark asked that the old mower be taken from the eastside park to the Lake Park stating that it would be of more use at the Lake than at Maple Square.

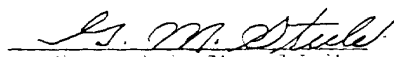
Mayor Steele stated that he believed it to be to the best policy to leave the opening of the Municipal Baths to the Committee on Parks with full power to act.

On motion of Councilman Weihe, the City Council adjourned to the 20th day of April, 1936.

ATTEST:


J. F. BLAKELEY, City Clerk

The foregoing minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi were read at a subsequent meeting of said Council held April 20, 1936 and approved without correction.


Mayor of the City of Lodi

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

To the Members of the City Council of the City of Lodi, California.

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi will be held in the Council Chambers at the City Hall in said City at 7:30 o'clock P.M. on the 9th day of April, 1936, for the purpose of considering an offer of the United States of America to aid by way of a loan and grant in financing the construction of an electrical power plant and adopting a resolution approving and authorizing the execution of such offer.

Dated this 8th day of April, 1936.

(Signed) G. M. STEELE, Mayor

CONSENT TO MEETING

We, the undersigned members of the City Council of the City of Lodi, hereby accept service of the foregoing notice, waiving any and all irregularities in such service and such notice, and consent and agree that said City Council shall meet at the time and place therein named, and for the purpose therein stated.

(Signed) G. M. STEELE, W. S. CLARK, E. P. GRAFFIGNA, W. A. SPOONER, AND
OTTO A. WEIHE, COUNCILMEN